

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-27, 29-30, and 36 remain in the application. Claims 1-35 were originally presented. Claim 36 is allowed. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 18-27 and 29-30 were rejected. The indication allowable subject matter in claims 14-17, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 18-27, and 29-30 were rejected only on grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. As discussed below, a terminal disclaimer is attached to overcome the double patenting rejection. Therefore, all the pending claims 1, 3-7, 9-27, 29-30 and 36 are in condition for allowance.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 18-27, and 29-30 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/223,084, filed on September 9, 2005. A terminal disclaimer is attached to overcome this rejection. The present application and copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/223,084 are commonly owned.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-7, 9-27, 29-30 and 36 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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